

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD  
DARIEN, CONNECTICUT  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
September 13, 2016

**Members Present: E. Geiger, T. Macdonald, A. Hughes, D. Reilly, R. Gadsden, C. Greene**  
**Staff Present: D. Keating**

The Special Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium of the Town Hall.

**ARB #16-2016**

**Parklands Assisted Living 1 Parklands Drive, DOR-1 Zone**  
**Revisions to Proposed Façade Review**

Revised plans brought to the Board based on our July meeting comments and concerns. Plans were again submitted by Bob Gillon, property owner, and presented by Craig Flaherty, Project Manager, and Peter Schmidt, Principal Architect of EGA.

All previously discussed revisions were considered and presented in alternate plans at the September meeting. These included a second color pallet, selection of property lighting, finalized window specs/drawings, a revised monumental sign, and a new rendering of the building's front façade. The key detail work from the portico was kept below the roof of the main building entrance to add some hierarchy, but removed from the wings and replaced with a clean trim line above the windows. The building monumental sign was simplified by removing extra copy and a wood material was substituted for the stone base. Proposed windows were presented in more detail with supportive schematics. A lighting hardware scheme was selected for the property's entirety; the Board suggested removing the iron decorative curl from the selected lamppost and keeping a more clean and simple style. We would also like to see distinguishing wall sconces used for the main entrance as opposed to the more industrial scones currently proposed. A secondary façade color scheme was proposed and after review the Board agreed that the original pallet was best: "Timberbark" shingles, "Monterey Taupe" clapboard, "arctic white" trim, and "slate gray" metal roofing.

The Board issued a favorable report and provided a signed letter for presentation at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting following our Board meeting.

**ARB #21-2016**

**H&L Chevrolet 1416 Boston Post Road, SB Zone**  
**Proposed Façade Review**

Application was submitted and presented by Attorney Bob Maslan of Maslan Associates.

Application covered four areas of review: a proposed edition to the rear of the building, updated landscaping, revised lighting, and a new façade color scheme. The edition will update the southeast

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corner of the building, squaring off the building, and adding two new garage bays for extended vehicles. It will be done in the same material and color scheme as the rest of the façade and improve overall appearance. Landscaping will be updated along the southeast boundary line along Old Kings Highway South. This is a neighborhood facing fence line that includes removing two invasive trees and replacing with new plantings for improved aesthetics and privacy. Lighting throughout the property will be updated over an extended time period to include new, glare minimizing, efficient LED fixtures. The property will go from its current 12 pole lights down to 6. Lastly the façade will be repainted to incorporate Chevrolet's newest corporate color scheme. The Board has asked that the stucco and brick be painted a gray on gray (into two similar & complimentary pallets, one being the gray originally proposed), and the corporate Chevrolet blue be used solely for the blue stucco band running horizontally across the exterior. It was requested that revised plans with the alternate color scheme be presented at our next Board meeting.

The Board issued an unfavorable report until a revised and final façade color scheme is decided.

**ARB #22-2016**

**Pear Tree Point Beach   Pear Tree Point Road, R-1 Zone  
Proposed Gazebo color change**

Application was submitted by Pamela Gery, Director of Parks & Recreation, and presented by Mary Flynn, Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission.

Parks and Recreation would like to repaint the Pear Tree Point Gazebo to match the newly renovated bathhouse that was updated in a gray and white color scheme. Local neighbors and long-time residents of Darien have expressed their opposition to changing the current forest green coloring of the gazebo due to its iconic markings in the community. The Board members understand both perspectives of the color issue, but felt that due to its historic significance, the iconic forest green markings of the Gazebo should remain as is, and not be refurbished to the new gray and white color scheme of the bathhouse. Further the Board addressed the independence between the two structures and the optional necessity for conformity between the two entities.

The Board issued an unfavorable report for the proposed color change and requested that the Gazebo be repainted in its original, iconic green color scheme. The Board expressed its opinion, but the decision rests with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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**ARB #23-2016**

**Ring's End Lumber 159 West Avenue, SB Zone**

**Proposed Façade Renovations**

Application was submitted by Matthew Dewing, Ring's End Facilities Manager, and presented by David Campbell of Ring's End and Ken Deleo of Doherty & Deleo, contractors for Ring's End Inc.

Ring's End Lumber recently purchased 159 West Avenue, formerly Darien Auto Body, and is proposing renovations to the façade to improve the look of the property. A proposed 470-sqft addition to the front of the building will be done in vertical cedar siding in gray, replacing the current brick facade. New industrial garage doors will be installed and painted in a similar gray. An alternate roofing option was proposed by the Board and jointly agreed upon by all parties. The two proposed roofs, a parapet and a composite shingle, will be replaced by a flat roof with white fascia trim, similar to the main Ring's End Building. The fascia roof trim will be done in similar style to that on the main building and will include a return around the sides of the building. Due to the adjustments in roof design, the proposed crown detailing over the garage doors will be removed and left a simple white trim. The electrical wires will be buried for further safety and improved aesthetics. Lastly the side vestibule will be updated in matching wood paneling and gray coloring.

The Board issued a favorable report with the proposed adjustments in place.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from July 19 meeting were edited and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Geiger  
Chairman